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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: C. OKAMOTO et al
Serial No. 09/857,271
Filed: November 27, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2876
Examiner: D. Lee
For: METHOD OF CHECKING AUTHENTICITY OF
SHEET WITH BUILT-IN ELECTRONIC
CIRCUIT CHIP

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

MS: Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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September 30, 2003

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/857,271, filed on November 27, 2001, entitled METHOD OF CHECKING AUTHENTICITY OF SHEET WITH BUILT-IN ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT CHIP, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee							\$ 750.00		
Total Claims	1	-	20	=	0	x	18	=	0.00
Independent Claims	1	-	3	=	0	x	84	=	0.00
Total Filing Fee								\$ 750.00	

3. A credit card payment form including the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5. New drawings are enclosed, fourteen (14) sheets, Figs. 1-14. The drawings include corrections approved in the prior application.

6. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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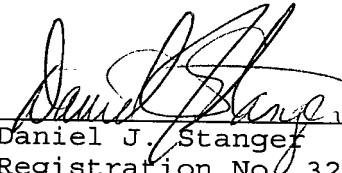
7. The prior application is assigned to HITACHI, LTD.
And HITACHI RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

10. Priority of the following Japanese Application is
claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 10-346738, filed December 7, 1998.

The certified priority document has been filed at the
International Stage (PCT/JP99/06798).

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained
in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed
in the present continuation application would have been new
matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/857,271 as
originally filed on November 27, 2001.



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